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Miss Richmond's grandfather Peter Van Ness came to West Point from New York in the year 1851. He bought the frame house owned by Horace Ayer. Horace Ayer and his wife, a writer from Ohio were the first couple to be married in that settlement. Peter Van Ness did not run an Inn but was in the habit of taking in any traveller passing by who came from his native state. It was seldom that he was even able to sleep in his own bed because his home was so full of tired guests. and he would have to improvise a bed on the floor.